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TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS BARRED FROM CAMPUS OVER COVID POLICY VIOLATIONS

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With Middlebury's carefully considered reopening plan, students have eagerly awaited every new phase. Last Thursday, students were jubilant to enter Phase Two, allowing them to venture into downtown Middlebury and Addison County. The college even celebrated by hosting food trucks on campus Friday that proffered free pulled pork sandwiches and fresh doughnuts.

But for two groups of students, specifically residents of the notoriously party-centric Atwater residence halls, festivities came to a grinding halt when Public Safety officers knocked on their doors Thursday night. In both cases, officers discovered gatherings over the maximum occupancy limit of six for the spaces, and over the indoor gathering limit of ten people. There were two gatherings of 14 and 15 students in different Atwater suites, according to students present. In the second case, several students managed to leave without incident, dodging the Public Safety officers and escaping from one of the suite's two exits before the officers demanded student IDs.

The 22 students written up by Public Safety met individually with Brian Lind, the associate dean of conduct, on Friday morning over Zoom, according to two upperclassmen involved in the episode. He notified them that those living on campus would need to leave for violating college policy, and students living in off-campus residences would lose access to the campus and its facilities, including in-person classes.

According to a college media statement sent to The Campus Mon-

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THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS AMONG US

MiddKids on the frontlines

COURTESY PHOTOS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Emily Klar '21, Emma Luber '22 (left), Meg Haberle '22, Will Anderson '20.5 and Alex Myers '23 all made the difficult choice to continue working through the pandemic.

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As states across the country issued stay-at-home orders last spring, essential workers carried on working and took on personal risks to keep the country functioning. Among their ranks were several Middlebury students who faced daily concerns about personal and familial health, battled exhaustion, balanced school work and struggled with their mental health. These are the experiences of a few MiddKids who worked, and continue to work, on the frontlines.

Concern for family

For student essential workers, deciding to work was not without pause: many worried that they would become sick at work and infect their families when they returned home. Meg Haberle '22, worked at a private ambulance service in Worcester, Mass. She would immediately place all her items in a plastic storage unit, shower and wash her uniform upon returning home before interacting with the rest of her family.

Alex Myers '23, who worked as a cashier at a craft store over the summer, lived in isolation at her extended family's home in Chatham, Mass. When cousins came to stay, she quarantined herself to avoid any chance of infection.

Emily Klar '21 began working as an EMT in Bethel, Vermont immediately after being evacuated from Middlebury in March. Her mother, a registered nurse at a local hospital, worried for her and her daughter's safety given that their jobs could potentially put them in contact with Covid-19 patients. She nearly quit her own job and urged her daughter to stop working as well.

"I'm deciding to continue working on the frontlines [because] I think I am relatively healthy, and I want to give back to my community now that they need me the most," Klar recalled telling her mother.

This semester, Klar is living in Weybridge, Vermont. She is enrolled as a remote learner and continues to work as an EMT.

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Changes to Title IX alter reporting and investigation procedures

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After Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced new Title IX regulations on May 6, Middlebury implemented changes to its policies on Aug. 14 in accordance with the new guidelines. Students and advocates across the country fear that Devos' changes could introduce new obstacles in the process of reporting sexual assault, bolstering the defense of those accused.

The more than 2,000 pages of regulations released last spring address Title IX, a 1972 federal civil rights law which prohibits discrimination based on sex in relation to any education program or activity that receives federal funding. The law covers a wide range of issues, from equality of opportunities in athletics to how schools address incidents of sexual harassment and assault.

The changes released in May alter the definitions of sex discrimination and harassment, changing how schools are required to respond to reports and which complaints the school is required to adjudicate under federal law.

The U.S. Department of Education published a press release on May 6 announcing the changes. It reads, "U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos took historic action today to strengthen Title IX protections for survivors of sexual misconduct and to restore due process in campus proceedings to ensure all students can pursue an education free from sex discrimination.".

The most fervently contested changes to Title IX involve

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LOCAL

Students flock to old haunts as Phase Two loosens restrictions

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When Middlebury transitioned to Phase Two last week, students were released from campus quarantine and allowed to traverse Addison County — and traverse they did. For some, their first destination was the mountains for a sunrise hike; for others, the liquor store to restock their dwindling beer supply. While some first years had their first-ever taste of the downtown, off-campus seniors were finally allowed to buy their own groceries.

Many local businesses are glad to have Midd Kids around town again, but all eyes are on the students to make sure guidelines are carefully followed.

"We cannot say this strongly enough: we are in a position to proceed to Phase Two because of how attentive and conscientious our students have been in complying with the health and safety mandates of Phase One," read a Sept. 14 all-community email from President Laurie Patton, Dean of Students Derek Doucet and Director of Health Services Mark Peluso announcing the transition to Phase Two.

For Taran Hopkins, a longtime employee of Middlebury Discount Beverage, known colloquially among students as BevCo, the effects of Phase Two were immediate.

"Pretty much as soon as we opened in the morning, we were definitely hit with a huge wave of students. A lot of people were coming in to stock up on stuff before they had to go to their 11 a.m.:00 classes," Hopkins told The Campus. "I sold all of the Bud Light 30-packs that were in the store. Every single one. In a very, very short amount of time."

Hopkins also said that there was a run on White Claw hard seltzers and Keystone — and that students had been overwhelmingly attentive to Covid-19 guidelines. "Literally every student that we saw was abiding by the mask-wearing rule," Hopkins said, noting that students were careful to keep their distance from others and to not loiter inside the shop for too long. "Everybody was very respectful."

For many first years, Phase Two presented entirely new territory. Ashley Chimelis '24, a new pole vaulter on the women's track and field team, had never been into the town of Middlebury before — nor had she met most of her teammates

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Middlebury's main street welcomed back students when they were released from campus quarentine this week. Some buisnesses, like The Stone Mill, posted signs of support.

SPORTS

No coaches, no contact, no competition: Club teams play on

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Students woke up with renewed energy and excitement on Sept. 17 as the college officially began Phase Two of its gradual reopening, continuing along the steady trajectory toward greater freedoms for students. While many groups of students ventured into town, many of the school's club sports teams got to work.

Middlebury College is home to 21 club teams, which allow opportunities for students to participate in athletics in a less structured environment compared to varsity sports. These clubs have a rich history at the college and even include a few prolific national champions – namely Quidditch, women's water polo and men's ultimate frisbee – and their activity this semester is especially important because of the restricted lives of much of the student population.

"Clubs are active, and it's really important they're active because of all the things we can't do this fall," said Doug Connelly, the director of outdoor programs and club sports. "All the teams that have wanted to have been able to organize and start

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By ABIGAIL CHANG

Prospective students partake in a new age of admissions
By ADIL ALVI

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By ARIADNE WILL

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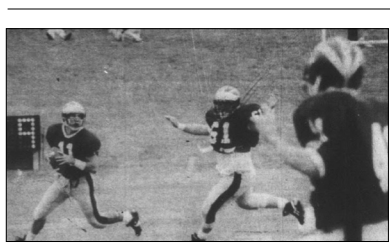

Throwback Thursday: This day in 1994, Bradford and Smith lead Panthers to victory
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